


<p>New York State Department of Transportation</p> <p>Central Permit Office</p> <p>50 Wolf Road, 1st Floor</p> <p>Albany, New York 12232</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Hauling OS / OW Permits</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Night Moves in Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange Counties</p> <hr/> <p>Code: SHN 10-01</p> <p>Date: January 22, 2010</p> <p>Supersedes: n/a</p>
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GENERAL:

- Background:
Current Department policy is to require a police escort for all moves taking place at night (defined as from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise). One exception to this policy is for night moves taking place on Long Island (NYSDOT Region 10). Long Island has a large volume of oversize night moves due to the fact that New York City requirements that most oversize loads move through the city at night. A pilot program was implemented in 2006 that allowed night travel within the region without police escorts for moves at or less than 14'-0" high and 14'-0" wide. Two Certified Escorts were allowed in place of the police escort. This program was successful, and the pilot program requirements were made permanent policy in 2007.

Conditions in the lower counties of New York are similar to conditions on Long Island, and due to the proximity to New York City there are more night moves taking place than in other areas of the state. Therefore the Department has decided to implement a pilot study similar to the one used on Long Island to determine if night travel for smaller moves can be accommodated with only Certified Escorts.

- Purpose:
To implement a pilot program to study the impacts of only requiring Certified Escorts for smaller over-dimensional moves in Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam and Orange Counties. This pilot will support the development of needed regulations in this area.
- Administration:
Effective January 25, 2010 vehicles that are at or less than 14'-0" wide and 14'-0" high may use two Certified Escorts in lieu of a police escort if moving at night in selected counties. Permittees must follow the requirements as listed in the following section. This program will be in effect for one year, after which the Department will evaluate the results and decide if the program should become permanent policy.

NEW POLICY:

- Explanation:
 1. Night moves under the pilot program will only be allowed Monday – Thursday, unless such nights fall on any restricted holidays, during the following hours:
 - Monday from 12:01 a.m. – 5:30 a.m. Monday
 - Monday from 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Tuesday
 - Tuesday from 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Wednesday
 - Wednesday from 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Thursday
 - Thursday from 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Friday**Moves that take place on Friday night (after 9:00 p.m.) will require proper Police Escorts on all routes.**
 2. Police escorts will be required at nights when loads exceed the following dimensions:
 - 14'-0" in width
 - 14'-0" in height
 - All Superloads
 3. All night moves under the program shall require a minimum of two New York State Certified Escorts. One to proceed on all routes and one to follow on all routes.
- Staff Procedure:
 1. If permit applications meet the pilot requirements as listed above under item #2, the pilot program requirements will apply.
 2. In addition to the normal permit requirements, note the following on the Permits Requirements page:
 - Night travel authorized in Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam and Orange Counties.
 - Front and Rear certified escort vehicles on all routes for night travel only
 - Police Unit(s) required on all routes for night moves on Fridays after 9:00 pm in Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange Counties.
- Effective Date: 01/25/2010

REFERENCE: